

Testimony of Mrs. Peter Kline

Sworn for the defense; testified as follows

(Mr. Fallen sworn translator)

Q. Where do you live?

A. Near Newburg

Q. How long have you live there?

A. 26-27 years

Q. Did you know the defendant?

A. Yes sir

Q. Did you know him in the old country?

A. Yes sir

Q. Did you know his father and mother?

A. Yes sir

Q. Do you know the condition of his mother mind in the old country?

A. Yes sir

Q. What was it?

A. She wasn't right in mind

Q. What do you mean by that?

A. What shall I mean?

Q. Insane?

A. Yes sir

Q. When did you know her?

A. From youth on

Q. Were you from the same Village?

A. Yes sir; we are born in the same place

Q. Did you know the defendants sister, Mrs. Winkle?

A. Yes sir; she grown up in the same place

Q. Did you know her children?

A. No, when she married she went on a different place, I have not known the children

CROSS EXAMINATION

Q. When did you come to this country?

A. I can't tell exactly. I have been here about 27-28 years

Q. Did you, when you came from the old country come directly to Newburg?

A. Yes sir

Q. What place in the old country did you live?

A. Walverien; the defendants comes from the same place

Q. About how many years ago did you see Guidinger's mother last?

A. Oh that is long ago. I forget when she died

Q. How long before you left the old country was I that you saw her last?

A. She was long dead at that time; before we came away

Q. Can you tell about how long she had been dead?

A. Oh, perhaps 10 years, I can't say for certain, don't remember

Q. How old are you Mrs. Kline?

A. I think I am nearly seventy; in my seventieth year; I don't know for certain

Q. Did you live a mile away from where Guidinger's mother lived?

A. No, in the same Village; a small Village

Q. How long did you live so near her?

A. 25-26 years

Q. Then you lived near her when you were a child?

A. Yes sir; he was small; he can't be as old as I

Q. What did Mrs. Guidinger do that made you think she was insane? Old Mrs. Guidinger?

A. Walked around; was not right; she wanted to strike other women

Q. What else?

A. She was crazy, but not always

BY THE COURT- "Was she ever shut in an asylum or other place"?

A. Oh no, she was better sometimes. Towards the last when she was getting older she was getting worse, then she got sick and died. The children didn't do, but hard work.

Q. When she was out of her mind people let her walk around queer if she wanted to?

A. Yes sir

Q. Was she in the habit of going to the table and eating helping herself?

A. I don't know; I wasn't often in the house. But in the field, when she wasn't right she would walk around in the field then we could see her; I haven't seen her in the house

Q. How long did these spells usually last?

A. I can't tell. When she was walking around like that I saw her; I can't tell anything about the house

Q. Well, how long would she walk around that way at one time?

A. Five or six years about, that we know; it may have been longer but they kept it secret; the children; it may have been on longer more than that

Q. Are you any relation to them?

A. No, only that we knew each other good. They were good children in Germany; no quarrel; nothing; always work

Q. Did you ever hear her make any disturbance in the house?

A. No

Q. When she was in the field she simply walked around?

A. Yes sir; she walked around according to her desire; her mind

Q. Were you near her at anytime when she was waling around?

A. Yes sir; I have seen her; but I was afraid of her and kept away from her

Q. Did you when she had any of these spells hear her say anything?

A. No; she didn't talk much in that condition-walking around-she didn't talk to anybody

Q. Then this is what you found your belief on, that she wasn't in her right mind, because she was walking around the fields

A. Yes sir; all the people said so. I wouldn't have known she was if the other people hadn't said so

Q. You don't know except what other people said?

A. I could see she wasn't right. I didn't hear if she had been right. She would have stayed with the children-if she had been right she would have stayed at home with the children; she had her work

Q. In the daytime she did this walking around

A. Yes sir

Q. She went home nights and slept in bed?

A. I think so, we didn't see her nights, only by daytime

Q. Now was that the only reason why you thought she wasn't right because she walked around, because she didn't stay at home with the children?

BY THE COURT "Because everybody sad so?"

A. It could be seen that she was crazy

Q. What else did you see besides this, so you could see it, what did you see?

A. I lived away from her; I had my troubles; worked at home it was only when I went out that I saw her; I don't look after her, but she wasn't right

Q. Was there anything else except that she didn't stay at home, walked around, and that people said?

A. She talked to other women, not me

Q. Did you see her talk to other women?

A. The neighbor women told me so; I didn't see it' the women said so my next neighbor said so; I have not seen it; I didn't have time to look after it

End of testimony Mrs. Peter Kline